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Mrs. Geo. D. Marshall
P. Bradford
Maine

I bear level station
Nov^{the} 12 1864

Dear Mother

I suppose
you would like to hear from
me again. Well I am here with
the Company enjoying pretty
good health. our Comp^y with more
of the Regt. as guarding this station
it is about two miles from
city point it is a good
chance for soldiering we have
got ^{pretty} good winter quarters built
but dont know as we shall
winter in them we may stop
here all winter and we may
not stop here a week. I found
my old friend Lincoln Brown
here he had got him a log
house built with four other

boys but he left it and went
in with me and built another
we have got a nice little log
house covered with our tents
we got some sticks out of a
sugar about a mile from here
and built us a fire place
and chimney there is four of
us sticks ~~do~~ gather we can take
the comfort as long as we stay
here. There is not much fighting
here now except picked fighting.
I have not heard from Henry and
I was to start December I am about
3 miles from the 31st line but came
out got a dog to go up there.
The kids are doing quite a business
at collecting to our money there is
some comes over every night there
was 50 went down to here on the
since the other day that came over
in one night. Our boys took
some prisoners a while ago they

was all very rapid and they
said they all were getting
in the same way they are
outfull sick of the war. I don't
think the war will last more
than 4 years longer. Perhaps you would
like to know how I voted last
election day well I did not vote
as far told Dick he thought I
did I voted for the republican
I don't think far will have to say that
he had rather follow me to my grave
than have me vote for the ~~republican~~
the republican again this year. I
don't think I he need to have
said it when he said he that
as it may I can't help thinking
of it once in a while. How do
you get along with your weaving
I suppose you are working as
hard as ever. When I think of you
often every time I look at my
shirt and dress it makes me

think how you used to set up
nights and nit so as to get them
for me before I come away. I hope
I shall see the time when I can
repay some of your kind deeds they
will never be forgotten as long as I
live. you was a going to sent me a pair
of gloves as soon as ~~you~~ let you know where
to send them. I would like a pair much you can
put them in the mail and ~~sent~~ direct them
the same as you would a letter. I had a small
wallet ne that I intended to bring with me but
forgot it I left it on the butin shelf if it is
there now I would like to have you put it in
the gloves does to keep. Ah the get and how
does he like him now is all the little
folks tell Eliza I will write to her next
week keep pup good courage, write
as soon as you get this

From Your Obedt of D. Marshall

Direct to J. D. Mc
Co. "D" 1st Maine

Heavy Artillery
Washington

D. C.